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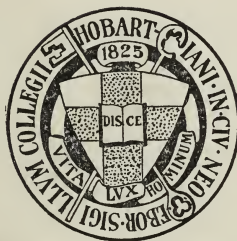
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APPEAL

FOR COPIES OF HOBART PUBLICATIONS

In order properly to fill out its sets, the College is in need of the following issues of Hobart publications. Through the kindness of the Rt. Rev. Cameron Mann the College has recently received three handsomely bound volumes containing the *Echo*, Vols. VII-XXIV. *If copies of Vols. II, III and VIa (Classes of '61, '62, and '65) could be secured*, the College would have a complete duplicate set of the whole series of 46 issues.

CATALOGUE :—1837-38, 1838-39, 1840-41, 1844-45, 1848-49, 1850-51, 1864-65, 1868-69, 1880-81, 1886-87, 1891-92.

ECHO:—Vols. I-XI (Classes of 1857-1872) inclusive; Vols. XXI (Class of 1882), XXII (Class of 1883), XXIX (Class of 1891), XXXV (Class of 1897), XL (Class of 1902), XLI (Class of 1903).

HERALD :—Vols. I-VI (1877-1885) inclusive, any numbers ; Vol. VII (1885-86), Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7 ; Vol. VIII (1886-87), Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 ; Vol. IX (1887-88), Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ; Vol. X (1888-89), Nos. 3, 5, 8, 9 ; Vol. XI (1889-90), Nos. 5, 10 ; Vol. XVI (1894-95), Nos. 1, 6, 9, 10 ; Vol. XVII (1895-96), No. 1 ; Vol. XVIII (1896-97), No. 8 ; Vol. XXII (1900-01), No. 3. The deficiencies in Vols. I-VII (1877-86) and XVI (1894-95), are especially serious.

It is earnestly desired that anyone who is in a position to do so will send the above mentioned issues (any numbers, however scattering, will be useful), to the Librarian of the College, Dr. Charles D. Vail.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1906-1907

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOBART COLLEGE:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees :

The year just passed has proved itself the most successful and momentous in the history of the College. We began the year with a good courage and a bright outlook into the future, but even the most sanguine among us could hardly have predicted the measure of good fortune that has come to our doors. For a long period of time Hobart has struggled not only to maintain her position among the educational institutions of the land but to improve her status and increase her efficiency. The difficulties she has encountered in the pursuit of these aims have looked at times almost insuperable. The multiplication of universities and colleges in the United States together with the magnificent equipment with which many of them are endowed rendered it certain that unless Hobart also could secure a physical basis of life adequate to her needs she would be forced into failure or defeat. In the providence of God, however, and through the munificence of Mr. William Smith of Geneva these sad extremes have not only been altogether and for all time averted but a firm foundation and an assured future have been guaranteed to the College. It is in a spirit of profound thankfulness that I make this announcement to the Trustees and extend to them my warm and heart-felt felicitations.

For about a year and a half the President has been in consultation with Mr. Smith touching the proposed gift to Hobart. Several plans have been discussed, found wanting and dismissed from further consideration. But with the

assistance of many friends and by the advice and co-operation of Mr. Smith's advisers the scheme of co-ordinate education for men and women was at last elaborated; and Mr. Smith expressed his willingness to endow the College with a sum adequate to its execution should the Trustees of Hobart be found ready to accept the gift. At this juncture, the Chairman of the Board, in compliance with the request of the President, called a special meeting of the Trustees for Tuesday, December 11th, 1906. On the day named, a quorum being present, the new plan was laid before the Board by the President of the College and after having been fully discussed was formally adopted. By a unanimous vote the Board resolved to accept the proposal to establish the William Smith School for Women as a part of Hobart College and to receive from Mr. Smith the money required for its foundation and maintenance. Messrs. P. N. Nicholas and D. J. Van Auken were also appointed a committee of the Board to sign and execute the necessary papers on behalf of the College. In accordance with the terms of this resolution and on Thursday, December 13th, 1906, the above named gentlemen appeared at the office of Mr. Arthur P. Rose in the city of Geneva and in conjunction with Mr. Smith signed an indenture by which Mr. Smith conveyed to the College, under certain stipulations and conditions named in the deed of gift, real estate and personal property estimated to be of the value of four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$475,000). In this indenture Mr. Smith also engaged to make the College his residuary legatee. Such is the history of the legal procedure.

THE WILLIAM SMITH SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

The general plan proposed to the Board of Trustees at its special meeting on Dec. 11th, 1906, may be briefly outlined as follows: The property known as the Patterson estate, and lately purchased by Mr. Smith, is to be deeded to the College and on this beautiful site are to be erected a proper dormitory for young women together with a large hall to be known as the William Smith Hall of Science. The chief features of this last and most important structure are to be thoroughly modern and well equipped laboratories of Biology and Psychology, although it is also to contain suitable classrooms for general instruction besides the necessary offices. The amount of money that will probably be expended for the erection, equipment and furnishing of these buildings together with the purchase price of the land will be in the neighborhood of \$130,000. The remainder of Mr. Smith's gift aggregating almost \$350,000 is to be known as the William Smith Endowment Fund and is to be used both for the maintenance of the School and for the general purposes of education in Hobart College. In particular this fund is to provide for professorships of Biology and Psychology and is also to furnish instructors in Physics, Mathematics, English and Modern Languages. It is hoped too that there will be sufficient income remaining to add to the staff an instructor in Political Economy and Social Science.

The educational plan agreed upon in conference between the President and the sometime Trustees of Mr. Smith and formally ratified by the Trustees of Hobart College at their meeting in December is that known as the co-ordinate rather than the co-educational plan. Such a plan, while it bestows within the limits of the same institution identical educational

facilities upon men and women, also provides that the sexes shall be segregated, except perhaps in certain small and advanced sections, in the class-room. Under the terms of this agreement the Chemical Laboratory, the Physical Laboratory and other educational facilities of Hobart College are to be used by the girls of the William Smith School, but at different hours from the men, whereas the laboratories and other educational facilities of the William Smith School are in turn to be accessible, under similar conditions, to the men of Hobart College. The Library of Hobart College is of course to be open to men and women in common and at the same hours. Such a plan of co-ordinate education for men and women is one that at present is beginning to win for itself both favor and adoption. Not only is it the plan already in operation at Harvard, Columbia and elsewhere, but it has lately been substituted for co-education at Chicago University, and it is hoped that it will eliminate both the well-known difficulties of co-education and the recognized disadvantages of an educational environment composed exclusively of one sex. It should be remembered in this connection that Hobart will be the only institution between New York City and Cleveland, Ohio, providing co-ordinate education. The educational interests of the William Smith School will, under the general direction of the President of the College and its Trustees, be in charge of a special officer, to be known as the Warden of the William Smith School. By agreement between the President of the College and Mr. Smith's former Trustees this official is to be a member of the Faculty of Hobart College, and the President has appointed, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, Professor Milton Haight Turk, Ph.D., of the department of English. A lady is also to be appointed as Mistress of Smith House who is to have the care of the young women of the School and act as their adviser and friend.

One or two other items of the general plan are worthy of notice. A religious service of an unsectarian character is to be conducted every morning in the William Smith House, known now as the Patterson house. Presence at this service will be voluntary and on Sunday the girls will be free to attend the churches of their choice. The Smith School is also at the outset to be represented upon the Board of Trustees of Hobart College by three Trustees, one of whom is to be a woman. Later, as resignations occur this number is to be increased by two more, one of whom is to be a woman. The first three Trustees have already been named by the President of the College. They are Mr. Theodore J. Smith and Mr. Henry B. Graves, of Geneva, together with Mrs. Anna B. Comstock of Ithaca. These nominees are to be elected and take their places on the Board at the earliest opportunity.

The President of the College has begun his preparations for carrying out the work above described. Architect's plans for the dormitory and the William Smith Hall of Science are soon to be prepared and in the spring or summer of 1907 ground is to be broken for the new buildings. It is expected to open the school in September, 1908, and it is firmly believed that through the beneficence of Mr. Smith a new era has dawned for Hobart College and a fresh blessing has been bestowed upon Geneva and upon our country.

Such is a sketch of the important work we are about to undertake and of the great educational opportunity that is placed at our disposal. In procuring us this work and in providing us with this opportunity the interest of many persons has been enlisted, and although it is impossible in the nature of the case to mention them all by name, the President feels that the special acknowledgments of this Board are due to Mr. Theodore J. Smith, Dr. Felix Adler, Mr.

Henry B. Graves, Miss Anne F. Miller, Mr. R. G. Chase, Mr. Lewis Chase, Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, Mrs. Anna B. Comstock, Mr. Thomas Hillhouse Chew, and Dr. Elwood Worcester.

ENDOWMENT FUND

I now turn to the endowment fund of the College. This fund has been increased during the year by the sum of two thousand dollars. The first thousand was ostensibly the price paid by Mrs. Charles D. Vail for a few feet of almost worthless land immediately in the rear of her own estate, but it was in reality a generous donation to the College. The second thousand dollars was contributed by our ever loyal friend and Trustee, Mr. Charles P. Boswell of Rochester. It has at his request been added to the special fund known as the Charles P. Boswell Fund and is the third thousand given to the College by Mr. Boswell during the last three years.

IMPROVEMENTS

LIBRARY The President is also happy to record several needed improvements which have been made in the College buildings and equipment since the presentation of his last report. Through the kindness of an old and valued friend of Hobart the sum of two thousand dollars has been paid to the Treasurer for the purpose of effecting certain necessary alterations and additions in the Library. These alterations and additions have been made under the competent superintendence of our honored Librarian Dr. Charles D. Vail and include among other things the furnishing throughout of a new stack room.

**GENEVA
HALL**

Geneva Hall, too, has been thoroughly renovated during the past summer. The student's rooms have been freshly painted, the halls kalsomined and four showers placed in the basement. All this has been done without depleting the funds of the College; the total cost, some six hundred and thirteen dollars, having been defrayed by several good friends of Hobart. Their gifts with the exception of that of Mr. Henry A. Wheat of Geneva were gratefully acknowledged in the autumn Bulletin. After this Bulletin went to press Mr. Wheat kindly furnished the balance of fifty-two dollars required for the complete liquidation of the debts incurred, and we hereby extend to him our cordial thanks.

**COXE
HALL**

Coxe Hall has long stood in need of a proper kitchen. As the place where our Alumni dinner and College smokers are held the need of such a kitchen has been sorely felt. This want has now been supplied by the generosity of one who, in many ways unknown to any perhaps save the President of the College, is constantly coming to our assistance and relief. The same thoughtful benefactress has also facilitated the conduct of College business and greatly contributed to the convenience and comfort of the President by having a door cut through the heavy brick wall which separated his office from that of the Dean and Secretary. Once again the President presents to Mrs. Charles D. Vail his grateful acknowledgments.

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION

Another encouraging feature of the past year has been the acceptance of Hobart College by the Trustees of the Carnegie Foundation. Such an acceptance will be of the utmost value to the College for it not only testifies in the most unmistakable fashion to the breadth of our charter and the character of our work but it also assures the members of our Faculty that when old age arrives they will not be left penniless. The great majority of teachers have few if any opportunities of earning anything beyond their slender salaries, while all without exception are known to be egregiously underpaid. In the judgment of the wise, no class of persons contributes more largely to the social stability and moral welfare of a nation than the teachers of the land, and the thanks of all the teachers of the country are therefore due to Mr. Carnegie for his material recognition of this fact. Especially are small Colleges his debtors, for with their comparatively narrow incomes they cannot hope to compete in the matter of salaries with their wealthier educational colleagues. Hence now-a-days when the small College procures an exceptionally fit teacher it finds it increasingly difficult to keep him. Such a teacher is compelled to think of the welfare of his family and of the education of his sons and daughters. By accepting a bigger salary therefore he cannot be justly accused of a sordid love of pelf any more than, under like condition, can an underpaid minister of religion. To be assured of a home, an honest wage and a sufficient maintenance when old age creeps on is not then a censurable craving, neither is it incompatible with the loftiest idealism. Hence, while no man can fairly blame the teacher who changes his

academic residence because of material advantages, all alike must be thankful that by the wise beneficence of Mr. Carnegie he now has less incentive and fewer reasons for so doing than formerly. In a word Mr. Carnegie has, in all those Colleges accepted by the Trustees of his Foundation, increased the chance of longer terms of professorial service and of far more stable and efficient faculties. For this all College men the world over must thank and honor him.

COLLEGE NEEDS

Passing now from the unmistakably encouraging events of the past year let us next face the equally unmistakable needs.

These needs are still both great and grim, and we must go firmly forth to meet and satisfy them. Some of them in truth I have brought to your attention before, while others appear upon the scene for the first time. And yet as the wise householder is he who "bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old," so do I feel myself amply justified in producing a selection of things both ancient and modern.

Among the old needs are a Gymnasium, a
ENDOWMENT Dormitory and a sufficient endowment fund
FUND to meet our current expenses. The Endowment Fund has indeed been slightly increased during the term of the present administration; although, as it stands at present, it is wholly inadequate to our actual requirements. Now it happens that for the moment we are insured against any very material deficit by the generous subscriptions of the Alumni and friends of the College. But this subscription, let me once more remind you, expires on March 1st, 1910. We have therefore but three years of plenty remaining in which to prepare for those years of

scarceness which may reasonably be expected to follow. Now this hard fact was emphasized at some length in my report of January last and yet so far as I am aware the Trustees have taken no steps to provide against the evil day. Nevertheless that day is coming sure as fate and in consequence the President begs the Trustees to take some immediate action by which an organized effort to procure the proper endowment for the College may be inaugurated.

The Gymnasium, the President regrets to say, is no nearer to us than it was last winter. The amount promised for it sticks stubbornly at twelve thousand three hundred dollars while the cost of its erection, as originally planned, will now amount to thirty-five thousand dollars instead of the estimate of twenty-seven thousand dollars of two years ago. Nevertheless, despite the fact that no progress

GYMNASIUM has been made, the President has not forgotten the Gymnasium nor does he intend if he can help it that the Board of Trustees shall forget it either. He has interviewed more than one person upon this important subject since the meeting of the Trustees in New York City and has managed in a single instance to secure the promise of a subscription. So far, however, this promise has not been fulfilled and when I think of the eagerness and longing with which the undergraduate body is looking forward to this building I confess that I am sore at heart. I have no doubt that it will come in time but in the meanwhile the students come and go and know not what it is to have a gymnasium in their College life.

The third old need is a dormitory, now a **DORMITORY** greater need than ever before. In fact it is difficult to see, if the entrance class of 1907 equals in numbers the class of either of the two preceding years, how we shall be able to accommodate the students

we have every right to look forward to next September. In September of the present academic year every room in both the dormitories was fully occupied and we are compelled to confront the alternative either of turning students away or of sending them to find lodgings in the city unless we can at once provide them with another dormitory.

A new need, also occasioned by the increase in the number of students since the autumn of 1905, is the enlargement of the Chemical Laboratory. The truth is we have outgrown our accommodations. Neither the lecture room nor the Freshman laboratory is big enough to hold the present class and the President has therefore had plans prepared which call for such an extension of the Chemical building toward the west as shall provide the necessary room. A lecture hall and at least one laboratory which shall hold from seventy to eighty men is urgently required. We cannot successfully pursue our work without them, and the President must respectfully urge upon the Trustees that if the money cannot be raised in any other way it should be borrowed for this end. The estimated cost of the additions and alterations is fifteen thousand dollars, and everything should be in readiness to begin the task of building and remodelling, the coming May or June.

The final new need is the purchase of a bit of property lying to the west of Pulteney Street and immediately contiguous to the beautiful estate presented to the College by Mr. Smith. It is at present used as a baseball ground by the Geneva League team, but it is the ultimate intention of the owners to run a street directly through the middle of it and to sell the lots on either side for dwelling houses. The realization of such a plan would seriously damage the site of the

William Smith School, and it is hoped that the Trustees will see the advisability of obtaining possession of this land for the College. A further reason for its acquisition is that it would furnish a much needed athletic field for the Hobart students. At present College sports are carried on upon the campus and it would be of inestimable advantage both to the classroom work in Coxe Hall and to the general appearance of the College grounds if all these sports could be immediately transferred to the field across the street. The President trusts that some action will be taken in this matter at the present meeting.

Such, Gentlemen of the Trustees, are the chief of our most pressing needs and now, if ever, is the time to work both heart and soul for their complete and speedy satisfaction. Mr. Smith has shown his confidence in Hobart by presenting her with well-nigh half a million dollars. Surely then it is incumbent upon us to respond to this confidence and prove that we are worthy of his trust. There is no excuse now whatever for doubt or lethargy or the deadly policy of drift. Things have put on a new look within the past few weeks and signs are in evidence that a new movement has begun. Let every effort be made to strengthen this movement and to increase its sweep and force. The iron is indeed hot. Let us see to it that we strike at once. Let us see to it also that we strike hard and often. Let us see to it above all else that we keep on striking until we have forged and fashioned the College of our hope.

Respectfully yours,

LANGDON C. STEWARDSON.

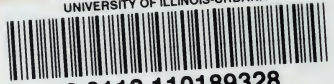


IT is the desire of the College to place the Catalogue and other Bulletins of each year in the hands of the former students of the College generally. For this purpose and to facilitate local and class reunions a complete and accurate Alumni Directory is essential. Nearly one thousand names are included in our list, and the changes in address average seventy-five a year.

We ask every alumnus to notify the Secretary at once of a change of address on his part or that of any other Hobart man. Notice of the death of any former officer or student, with information concerning him, will also be highly appreciated.

Alumni who are the authors of published book or articles will confer a favor by sending a copy of each to the Library.

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